(c) the details of steps taken to provide employment to some of those affected families in the Rourkela Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. All the displaced families have since been rehabilitated on suitable house sites in re-settlement colonies of Jalda and Jhirpani set up by the State Government. They have also been paid adequate compensation. From amongst a total of 4254 affected families, 4751 persons have been provided employment by RSP.

Modernisation of Public Sector Steel Plants

1330. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal for modernisation of Public Sector Steel Plants;

(b) if so, the amount earmared for implementation of the modernisation schemes;

(c) whether Government have sought external assistance for that purpose; and

(d) if so, the amount of external assistance likely to be obtained for modernisation of different public sector steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The outlay sanctioned for Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) modernisation is Rs. 2667.6 crores. For Phase I of the Rourkela Steel Plant, Rs. 415 crores stand sanctioned. The outlay for Phase II of Rourkela and for modernisation schemes of Bokaro and TISCO are yet to be approved.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. For DSP modernisation, credits to the extent of approximately DM 450 million, Swiss Francs 41 million and Rs. 104 crores are being negotiated from abroad.

For Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation, a mixed credit of DM 660 million is under consideration.

For IISCO modernisation/expansion a soft loan of Yen 5.54 billion has been received from the Overseas Economic Corporation Fund of Japan for carrying out Engineering Studies.

Target for production of foodgrains

1331. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production of foodgrains during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the achievements made in the production of foodgrains so far Statewise, during the last three years; and

(c) the various strategies adopted to increase the production to ensure that the targets are achieved by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The target for foodgrains production for the Seventh Five Year Plan has been fixed at 175 million tonnes.

(b) The State-wise achievements during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) With view to achieving the target of foodgrains production, thrust programmes such as Special Foodgrains Production Programme for rice, wheat, maize and pulses (arhar and gram) and National Pulses Development Programme are being implemented. The Scheme for Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers also provide support for increasing production of foodgrains.